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SUBJECT: AGRIBUSINESS

FOR HOPE/HENDERSON OF OPIC

1. ROBERT SVENSK AND GRAHAM WILLIAMS OF OPIC AND KENNETH MUELLER, PRESIDENT OF THE AGRIBUSINESS COUNCIL, MET JANUARY 19 WITH VICTOR AMAGOU, DIRECTEUR GENERAL DU DEVELOPPEMENT AGRICOLE AND GOIC EMBASSY OFFICER BATIGNE. PURPOSE OF MEETING WAS TO REVIEW STATUS COUNCIL/OPIC AGRIBUSINESS PROJECT DEVELOPMENT IN IVORY COAST AND TO GO OVER NEXT STEPS. HAVING PARTICIPATED PERSONALLY WITH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE EUGENE GRASBERG IN THE WORK LEADING TO THE FIVE PROJECT PROFILES, AMAGOU SAID HE WAS FAMILIAR WITH THE WORK TO DATE AND DELIGHTED THAT STAGE NOW SET FOR OPIC AND THE COUNCIL TO RECOMMEND APPROPRIATE U.S. COMPANIES FOR POSSIBLE JOINT VENTURE IMPLEMENTATION.

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2. PROJECT PROFILES COVER MAIZE AND SOY PRODUCTION, FEED MANUFACTURE, POULTRY OPERATIONS, CATTLE FEED LOT AND TOMATO PASTE PROCESSING. ALSO EXPECT TO HAVE INITIAL PHASE OF A AND B AGRIBUSINESS TAPE SURVEY COMPLETED BY TIME OF WAIM ARRIVAL IN IVORY COAST.

3. AMAGOU REQUESTED OPIC/COUNCIL WRITE TO GOIC MINISTERS OF FINANCE, PLANNING AND AGRICULTURE, WITH COPY TO THEIR WASHINGTON AMBASSADOR AND OUTLINE STEPS, ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES RELEVANT TO AGRIBUSINESS MISSION AND REQUEST FORMAL APPROVAL. AMAGOU SAYS THAT HE WILL BE LIAISON BETWEEN GOIC AND U.S. SIDES AND THAT IT IS APPROPRIATE TO SAY IN THIS LETTER THAT U.S. SIDE UNDERSTANDS THIS IS HIS ROLE.

4. AMAGOU AGREED THAT SUBJECT TO FINAL HOPE/HENDERSON PLANNING ON ORDER WAIM COUNTRIES AGRIBUSINESS SESSION WILL FOLLOW WAIM AND BE HELD WEEK OF APRIL 4. HE IS AWARE OF NEED FOR SUBSTANTIAL INVOLVEMENT OF RELEVANT GOIC MINISTRIES AND AGENCIES.

5. AMAGOU SAID THAT HE WOULD CABLE IMMEDIATELY TO MINAG THE CONTENT AND DECISIONS OF THIS MEETING. SISCO

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